

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. [2017-370-E](#), [2017-207-E](#), and [2017-305-E](#) ORDER NO. 2018-91-H

JULY 16, 2018

David Butler
Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Possible South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) Response to the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) Motion to Admit Deposition Testimony From These and Other Proceedings As Evidence

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

On July 13, 2018, ORS filed and served a Motion to Admit Deposition Testimony From These and Other Proceedings as Evidence, along with a Request to Take Testimony of Witnesses by Oral Deposition. At the end of the Motion to Admit Deposition Testimony, the following sentence appeared: “Counsel for ORS consulted with the other parties and only SCE&G has not consented to the Commission making this prehearing order to allow deposition testimony.” (See Motion at p. 7.) It would be helpful for the Commission, the Hearing Officer, and the Commission Staff to have SCE&G’s discuss its lack of consent to the ORS Motion, and any other explanation that SCE&G cares to give.

Commission Regulation 103-829, located at 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 (2012)), generally states that responses to motions are due within ten (10) days after service of the motion, with replies to responses due within five (5) days of service of the response to the motion. The Regulation further states that these times may be modified by order of the Commission or its designee for good cause.

In the present case, good cause for modification of the response and reply time is stated by ORS, which has asserted a legitimate need for expedited review of the Motion and Request. Accordingly, SCE&G may file and serve its response to the Motion to Admit Deposition Testimony From These and Other Proceedings as Evidence at or by the close of business on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Any other parties may also file and serve on the other parties a response to the ORS Motion if appropriate by this same deadline. Likewise, ORS may file and serve any reply to the SCE&G Response (or to any Response as may be filed by other parties) at or before the close of business on Thursday, July 19, 2018. Such information would help provide clarity in the decision-making process for the Commission and Hearing Officer.

This ends the Hearing Officer Directive.